## SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 2249**

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER (Sponsor), NASHEED, FRAME, LOW, BROWN (50), CHAPPELLE-NADAL, HUMMEL, ENGLUND, RUCKER, CURLS, WEBBER, SCHUPP, OXFORD, HUGHES, COLONA, WALSH, CORCORAN, JONES (63), GRILL, ATKINS, WALTON GRAY, SCHIEFFER, NORR AND McCLANAHAN (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 21, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to accessibility of offices in the state capitol.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 21, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 21.438, to read as follows:

- 21.438. 1. Beginning October 1, 2010, all members of the general assembly shall disclose to his or her constituents through the member's internet website and regularly issued electronic or paper publications whether or not his or her capitol building office is accessible by wheelchair. Such notification shall also include directions on how a constituent who uses a wheelchair or has a mobility impairment such that the constituent cannot navigate a staircase without assistance may request in advance to obtain a private meeting with the member using the office accessibility protocol required under subsection 2 of this section.
  - 2. By October 1, 2010, the chief clerk of the house or the office of the secretary of the senate, as the case may be, shall have in place an office accessibility protocol for members of the general assembly who do not have wheelchair accessible capitol building offices. Such protocol shall:
  - (1) Be used for instances when a constituent who uses a wheelchair or has a mobility impairment requests to have a meeting with the general assembly member in private; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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16 (2) Designate certain areas in the capitol that may be used for requests for private 17 meetings regardless of whether or not a request has been made in advance by the 18 constituent.

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